

## Medical Reserve Corps

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After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, thousands of Americans volunteered their talents, skills, and money to help others. Many Americans asked....

When hurricane Isabel cut a path of destruction through Virginia, leaving thousands without water, housing and power for days and weeks. Many Virginians asked.....

What can I do to help?

## Volunteers are needed to help local government or health departments respond to large disasters and emergencies.

We cannot do this alone; we need your help.

Major health emergencies can overwhelm the health care and public health systems very quickly. Medical and other health volunteers can provide an important help during this critical period. They can also help in mass vaccination clinics or maybe at local medical and emergency facilities. In short, communities need medically trained volunteers to fill in the gaps in a large emergency and to improve their ability to help the community.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a program designed to help organize local volunteers to work with emergency response groups, health departments and hospitals during large-scale local emergencies, such as a flu outbreak and severe weather. Health professionals and others who are interested in helping can volunteer their time and skills within a communitybased, volunteer organization.

## **About Volunteering**

Who can volunteer for the Medical Reserve Corps?

- Practicing or retired medical professionals, such as doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists, nurses' aides, and others.
- Public health professionals.
- Community members without medical training can volunteer to help with non-medical functions. Examples of non-medical volunteers needed are: Clerical personnel, Attorneys, Teachers, Ham Radio Operators, Military (active/inactive) and anyone wishing to volunteer their time.
- United States citizenship is not required to be part of the Medical Reserve Corps. Legal U.S. residents are welcome to volunteer and contribute their time, knowledge, and skills to protecting and improving their communities.

## Join your local MRC

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